

9 March 1953

Memorandum for: The Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Congressional Liaison with Appropriations Committees.

1. The Director may wish to consider meeting individually with the two Appropriations Committee Chairmen, Senator Bridges and Congressman Taber, to discuss with them how they desire the CIA budget hearings to be handled. Mr. Sprankle, Acting Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, has urged that the meeting with Mr. Taber take place as early as possible to avoid any inadvertent disclosures.

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2. Two matters which might well be explored with Mr. Taber are his letter to Mr. Dodge, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, of 29 January, expressing some concern regarding the expenses of Radio Free Europe (a copy of which letter Mr. Taber sent to the Chairman of the State Department Appropriations Subcommittee), and our refusal to furnish to the Comptroller General the names of Agency personnel in grades GS-15 and above who had left the Agency since November 1952 for the use of an Appropriations subcommittee headed by Congressman Phillips.

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4. In connection with the funds for the construction of a CIA building

and none of the members of this Subcommittee are conversant with CIA activities except Messrs. Taber, Cannon and Riley. A list of this Subcommittee is

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also attached. It would be extremely helpful if some arrangements could be made with Mr. Taber whereby the same group which handled the CIA budget could also approve the funds for CIA construction. In the Senate, Senator Ferguson's Subcommittee also handles construction matters, which may simplify the problem.

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